

REMARKS

The objection to the drawings is noted and believe cured by the proposed additions to the drawings, namely, Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. The amendments to the specification are for implementing the drawing addition, thus, if the proposed addition is accepted by the Examiner, then the specification amendments can be entered. A formal new sheet of drawing will be submitted upon approval of the proposal.

The amendment to the claims is to put the claims in better form and to recite the invention more particularly and to distinctly point out what applicant believes is his invention. The original claims have been cancelled in favor of claims 12 to 18, a reduction in number, in an effort to advance this case to issue.

New claim 12 is as follows:

Claim 12. (new) In an apparatus for supplying a car wash installation with chemical additives which are admixed with the wash water, wherein at least one additive is poured into a cartridge in highly concentrated form, an associated holding device of the car wash for receiving the cartridge, wherein the additive of the cartridge can be removed continuously, according to need, the improvement wherein a plurality of cartridges containing different mutually exclusive contents are provided, each containing a different additive in a highly concentrated form, a common holding and dispensing container for all cartridges, said common holding and dispensing container having a plurality of receiving ports associated with the plurality of cartridges with each receiving port associated with one of the cartridges containing a different mutually exclusive content, and a different mutually exclusive mistake-proof mounting for detachably connecting each cartridge containing a different mutually exclusive content with its associated receiving port on the common holding and dispensing container so that a mix-up of the contents of the plurality of cartridges can be reliably ruled out.

The thrust of the claim is to be certain that the correct materials are being fed to the right dispensers. Since the materials are contained in cartridges, it is important to be sure that no mistakes are made. This end is achieved by the invention, by making the connections between the cartridges, which contain

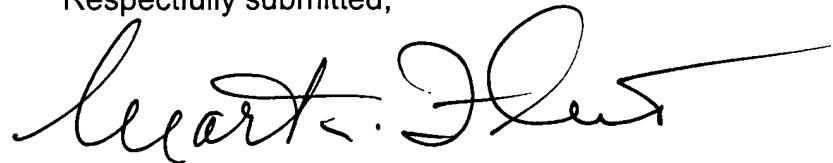
different materials, mutually exclusively attached to the holding and dispensing container of the vehicle washing machine. As expressed in claim 12, each receiving port on the holding and dispensing container is assigned to a particular cartridge, and this is reinforced by using "a different mutually exclusive mistake-proof mounting for detachably connecting each cartridge containing a different mutually exclusive content with its associated receiving port on the common holding and dispensing container so that a mix-up of the contents of the plurality of cartridges can be reliably ruled out."

The improvement combination recited by claim 12 and, in particular, the quoted claimed limitation of the present invention, are totally absent from the prior art cited of record. The two references applied, Hickman Pat. No. 3587807 and Ferre et al Pat. No. 5033489 only show car wash set ups that do not address the problem dealt with in the present application. This fact is evident from the brief comment regarding these references in the Official action. The remaining claims 13 to 18 are dependent on claim 12 and contain all the limitations recited in claim 12; for that reason, they also express patentable subject matter.

In light of the foregoing, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time, time sufficient, to effect a timely response, and shortages in this or other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 500601 (Docket no. 7400-X03-047)

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes two new figures Fig. 3 and Fig. 4. Fig. 3 is proposed to be added to show the omitted elements that show a mistake-proof flange mounting. Fig. 4 is proposed to be added to show the omitted elements that show a rubbing device. No claim is being made for the details of either Fig. 3 or Fig. 4, which are proposed to be added only to show the possibilities, of which there are numerous, and would be apparent to one skilled in the relevant art from the teaching of the present invention as described in the specification.

Attachment: Proposed Sheet of Fig. 3 and Fig. 4